

# Exhibit L



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THE COUNCIL  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION  
250 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007-2594

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New York, NY 10007

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9 Simcha Felder  
10 Lewis Fidler  
11 Helen Foster  
12 Dennis Gallagher  
13 Daniel Garodnick  
14 James Gennaro  
15 Vincent Gentile  
16 Eric Gioia  
17 Sara Gonzalez  
18 Vincent Ignizio  
19 Robert Jackson  
20 Letitia James  
21 Melinda Katz  
22 G. Oliver Koppell  
23 Jessica Lappin  
24 John Liu  
25 Miguel Martinez  
Michael McMahon  
Darlene Mealy  
Rosie Mendez  
Hiram Monserrate  
Michael Nelson  
James Oddo  
Domenic Recchia  
Diana Reyna  
Joel Rivera  
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Helen Sears  
Kendall Stewart  
James Vacca  
Peter Vallone, Jr.  
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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: All rise.

### 3 All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance.)  
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5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Roll call.  
6 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Addabbo.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Here.  
8 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Arroyo.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Here.  
10 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Avella.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Here.  
12 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Baez.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Here.  
14 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Barron.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Here.  
16 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Brewer.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Here.  
18 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Comrie.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Here.  
20 CITY CLERK ROBLES: DeBlasio.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER DEBLASIO: Here.  
22 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Dickens.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Here.  
24 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Dilan.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Here.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING  
2 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Eugene.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Here.  
4 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Felder.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Here.  
6 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Fidler.  
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7 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Here.  
8 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Foster.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Here.  
10 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gallagher.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLAGHER: Here.  
12 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Garodnick.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Here.  
14 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gennaro.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Here.  
16 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gentile.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.  
18 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gerson.  
19 (No response.)  
20 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gioia.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Here.  
22 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Gonzalez.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Here.  
24 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Ignizio.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Here.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING  
2 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Jackson.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Here.  
4 COUNCIL CLERK: James.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Here.  
6 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Katz.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Here.  
8 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Koppell.  
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9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Here.  
10 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Lappin.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Here.  
12 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Liu.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Here.  
14 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Mark-Viverito.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Here.  
16 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Martinez.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Here.  
18 CITY CLERK ROBLES: McMahon.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MCMAHON: Here.  
20 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Mealy.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Here.  
22 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Mendez.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Here.  
24 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Monserrate.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER MONSERRATE: Here.

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2 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Nelson.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Here.  
4 COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.  
5 (No response.)  
6 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Recchia.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: Here.  
8 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Reyna.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Here.  
10 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Sanders.  
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11 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Present.  
12 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Seabrook.  
13 (No response.)  
14 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Sears.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Here.  
16 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Stewart.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER STEWART: Here.  
18 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Vacca.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Here.  
20 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Vallone.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.  
22 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Vann.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Here.  
24 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Weprin.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Here.

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2 CITY CLERK ROBLES: White.  
3 (No response.)  
4 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Yassky.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Here.  
6 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Oddo.  
7 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Here.  
8 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Rivera.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Here.  
10 CITY CLERK ROBLES: Speaker Quinn.  
11 SPEAKER QUINN: Here.  
12 CITY CLERK ROBLES: we have a quorum,  
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13 Ma'am.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: All rise for  
15 the Invocation of Father Raymond Nobiletti.

16 FR. NOBILETTI: Let us pray.

17 God, we thank You for the opportunity  
18 that You give to us today to serve our City and the  
19 people whom we represent;

20 we are grateful for the freedom to do  
21 Your will; the freedom won by the sacrifices of our  
22 brothers and sisters; we remember them especially  
23 this week;

24 God, we praise You for the gifts of  
25 wisdom and courage; bless especially the City

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2 Council today and the process of discerning justice  
3 and truth in this room;

4 Grant us the ability to disagree and  
5 not be offensive and disagreeable to each other;

6 Continue to inspire us; confound us  
7 and amaze us with Your blessings;

8 Make us instruments of Your peace,  
9 and champions of the weak;

10 God, help us to achieve excellence in  
11 all that we do for You today in the service of  
12 others;

13 Indeed it is to You, God, that we  
14 look for these favors;

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15                   Indeed it is in You, God, we trust.

16                   Amen.

17                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Motion to  
18                   spread the Invocation, by Council Member Martinez,  
19                   please.

20                   COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Madam Public  
21                   Advocate, I make a motion to spread the Invocation  
22                   in full upon the record.

23                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

24                   Adoption of the Minutes.

25                   SPEAKER QUINN: Madam Public Advocate,

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2                   before we adopt the minutes, if I could ask my  
3                   colleagues to please stand for a moment of silence.

4                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

5                   SPEAKER QUINN: Earlier this morning  
6                   we lost a member of the City Council family. Sadly,  
7                   former Council Member, former Deputy Majority Leader  
8                   Archie Spigner, lost his wife this morning,  
9                   Christine Spigner. She was 77 years old. They had  
10                  been married for 58 years. Anyone who has ever seen  
11                  Archie and Christine together at a Queens County  
12                  event, at a Council event, at a Mets game, just  
13                  seeing the two of them together, you could tell it  
14                  was one of those great love affairs. They were one  
15                  of those special couples. I didn't know them well as  
16                  a couple, but you could just tell by seeing them

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17 together that they really in those 58 years had  
18 something wonderful.

19 So we, today, I know want to extend  
20 our deepest sympathies to Archie, his children, his  
21 grandchildren. Also extend our deepest sympathies to  
22 Deputy Majority Leader Leroy Comrie who is, of  
23 course, a former staff member, but much more  
24 importantly, a close family friend of Archie and  
25 Christine, and we just want to keep the Spigner

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2 family and Leroy and the Comrie family in our  
3 thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

4 And as soon as the final arrangements  
5 are made, we will send that information out to  
6 everyone. Thank you.

7 (Moment of Silence observed.)

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Madam  
9 Public Advocate.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you.

11 Adoption of the Minutes.

12 Council Member Garodnick.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you,  
14 Madam Public Advocate.

15 I move that the Minutes of the Stated  
16 Meetings of April 12, 2007 and April 23rd, 2007 be  
17 adopted as printed.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.  
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19 SPEAKER QUINN: Messages and Papers  
20 from the Mayor.  
21 COUNCIL CLERK: M 633, Mayor's veto  
22 and disapproval message of Introductory No. 83-A.  
23 SPEAKER QUINN: Education.  
24 COUNCIL CLERK: M 634. A credit for  
25 certain household and dependent care services.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: State and Federal  
3 Legislation.  
4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:  
5 Communication from City, County, and Borough  
6 Offices.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: M 635. Submitting  
8 Report on Child Care Activity, January through March  
9 2007.  
10 SPEAKER QUINN: Received, Ordered,  
11 Printed and Filed.  
12 COUNCIL CLERK: M 636 and 637.  
13 Third-Party Transfer Program, Brooklyn.  
14 SPEAKER QUINN: Housing and Buildings.  
15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Petitions  
16 and Communications.  
17 COUNCIL CLERK: None.  
18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Land Use  
19 Call-Ups.  
20 COUNCIL CLERK: None.  
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21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM:  
22 Communication from the Speaker.  
23 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you.  
24 Today we are voting on two important  
25 pieces of legislation. The first, Intro. 561-A, a

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2 piece of legislation we've been referring to as the  
3 "Safe Housing Act." I want to thank the Chair of  
4 our Housing and Building Committee, Chairperson  
5 Dilan, for his work on this piece of legislation;  
6 Council Member Tish James, who is the lead sponsor  
7 of the bill; and also Council Member Gale Brewer,  
8 for her work on this issue, her TSAP Program was in  
9 some ways the basis for the Safe Housing Act.

10 And this bill today is really a  
11 historic overhaul of how our Department of Housing  
12 Preservation and Development deals with dilapidated  
13 buildings in our City.

14 It's really a historic overhaul of  
15 how we conduct efforts to try to preserve affordable  
16 housing in the City of New York. This bill will move  
17 us from what we presently now have, which is a  
18 patchwork program through our emergency repair  
19 efforts, to a much more comprehensive program, where  
20 the worst buildings in our City on a yearly basis  
21 will get a head-to-toe inspection.

22 And in that inspection if, for  
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23 example, there is a hole in the ceiling, we won't  
24 just patch that hole. The Department of Housing  
25 Preservation and Development will now be required to

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2 go and find out what has caused that hole and fix  
3 the underlying root causes.

4 We believe this bill will go a  
5 tremendous way in preserving the housing we still  
6 have in the City, but perhaps even more importantly,  
7 improving the housing that is out there right now in  
8 our City which is substandard.

9 We're also in this bill going to  
10 greatly empower HPD to go out and collect money from  
11 slum lords who won't do the work that they should.  
12 We'll take those slum lords to court and if we have  
13 to, we will take their buildings to make sure that  
14 the City gets the money we're owed to keep buildings  
15 livable.

16 I again want to thank everyone who  
17 has worked on this bill. I want to first call on the  
18 Chair of our Housing Committee, Erik Dilan, and  
19 thank him for his work on this bill.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Thank you,  
21 Madam Speaker. I will be very brief. I just want to  
22 thank you for bringing the level of discussion on  
23 this bill to a point where it's become balanced. The  
24 majority, well all the tenant groups are supportive

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25 of this bill. A lot of the real estate and housing

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2 groups are supportive of this bill. This Council I  
3 hope will support this bill in a few minutes, and  
4 from what I understand, the Administration supports  
5 this bill. And it's a very rare occasion where we  
6 can take such a controversial landlord/tenant issue  
7 and find so much consensus, and I believe it's  
8 because simply all sides and all parties agree that  
9 defending slum lords is just simply indefensible by  
10 any group, no matter what side you're on, and I  
11 believe a lot of the credit, Madam Speaker, in terms  
12 of the consensus on this bill belongs to you and  
13 your staff and I want to thank you for that.

14 I'd like to also thank my colleague,  
15 Council Member James, for bringing this legislation  
16 which passed my Committee earlier this morning, and  
17 I would just like to recommend that all my  
18 colleagues support it on the floor today, as well.

19 Thank you, Madam Speaker.

20 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much. I  
21 again want to thank the Chair. I also want to thank  
22 the Chief of Staff to Tish James, Kate Sussman, who  
23 did a tremendous amount of work on this bill. On my  
24 staff I want to thank Jeff Haberman, Terzah Nasser,  
25 Ben Goodman, Rob Newman and Jeremy Hoffman for all

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2 of their work on this bill.

3 And now I'd like to call on the prime  
4 sponsor of the bill, Tish James.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Thank you,  
6 Madam Speaker.

7 The number of serious code violations  
8 of New York City increased from 38.1 in 2004 to 57  
9 percent in 2006. Clearly, the current enforcement  
10 program that HPD has in place is not working. This  
11 Safe Housing Bill will create an alternative  
12 enforcement program that targets 200 buildings  
13 annually. Buildings are identified by two major  
14 indicators of distress. High HPD violations and  
15 unpaid emergency repairs. Thousands of families in  
16 New York City live in dangerous buildings with  
17 serious code violations. The majority of immediately  
18 hazardous violations that were reported last year  
19 were in neighborhoods that have a disproportionate  
20 amount of low-income people of color. Typical  
21 violations include: rat and vermin infestation;  
22 lack of heat and hot water; broken windows; broken  
23 front doors; leaky roofs and other conditions that  
24 threaten the lives of countless number of New  
25 Yorkers and it is a health and security hazard.

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2 Every day my office gets complaints  
3 about very serious C violations that unfortunately  
4 go unrepaired for months. Too often these complaints  
5 come from the most vulnerable among us - seniors on  
6 fixed incomes, immigrants with limited English  
7 skills and families with young children.

8 With this new bill, hundreds of  
9 buildings each year will be repaired by the City  
10 when landlords ignore City laws. This law gives  
11 landlords four months to clean up their act, and if  
12 they don't, the City's Housing Agency would step in  
13 to make emergency repairs and bill the landlords for  
14 the cost of these repairs and in some cases take  
15 their buildings.

16 I want to thank the Speaker for her  
17 tremendous leadership. I want to thank the  
18 collaboration between the City Council, the  
19 Administration, and tenant and housing advocates and  
20 Kate Sussman, my Chief of Staff, for addressing the  
21 dangerous inaction of reckless landlords all  
22 throughout the City of New York. Any tenant who  
23 lives in a problem building should know that if  
24 their complaints fail to prompt a response from  
25 their landlords, they are now empowered with another

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2 course of action, one that will provide them  
3 immediate and lasting relief.

4 Let me thank the entire central  
5 staff, and, again, Kate Sussman. And thank you,  
6 Madam Speaker.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Council  
8 Member James. And I also want to underscore your  
9 thanks of the Mayor's Office of Legislative Affairs,  
10 and also the staff at HPD, who put a tremendous  
11 amount of work into this very important piece of  
12 legislation.

13 We're also voting on a bill today,  
14 Intro. 496-A, that comes out of our Fire and  
15 Criminal Justice Committee, introduced by Council  
16 Member Gale Brewer.

17 Folks might remember that our last  
18 Stated Meeting we passed an important piece of  
19 legislation that we hope will give the Fire  
20 Department the information they need from the  
21 Department of Buildings to fight fires more  
22 effectively to know what the structural situation is  
23 when they enter a bill that has work renovation or  
24 alterations going on.

25 This bill today, 496-A, is a

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2 continuation of our work to make sure the Fire

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3 Department has the information and resources it  
4 needs to do its job well, to keep firefighters safe  
5 and to keep New Yorkers who may end up in fires  
6 safe.

7 This bill really is very smart and  
8 common-sensical. It requires that in buildings which  
9 are over 150 feet, if the floors in those apartment  
10 buildings do not follow sequential numerical order,  
11 that that information has to be communicated to the  
12 Department of Buildings, to the Fire Department, it  
13 can be communicated electronically. We've seen in a  
14 number of different situations most recently the  
15 fire that resulted when Corey Lidel's plane hit a  
16 building on the East Side, the floor that appeared  
17 to be the one where the plane hit the building was  
18 not the number what that floor was labeled by the  
19 folks who owned it and ran the building. That  
20 created confusion in getting people out of the  
21 building, confusion in fighting the fire. This would  
22 make sure that if folks who run or sell buildings  
23 change floors for some reason, it's not an uncommon  
24 thing that realtors do that, that that information  
25 will get communicated to City agencies, it will

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2 definitely help people fight fires more effectively  
3 and also help the Department of Buildings in their  
4 work.

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5 I want to start by calling on the  
6 Chair of our Fire and Criminal Justice Committee,  
7 Council Member Martinez, and then call on Council  
8 Member Gale Brewer. I want to thank their staffs,  
9 but I also want to thank Rob Calandra, the Legal  
10 Counsel to the Fire and Criminal Justice Committee,  
11 and thank him for his work on this bill.

12 Chairperson Martinez.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
14 Madam Speaker.

15 As you mentioned, this is a common  
16 sense legislation that ensures that whenever our  
17 firefighters go into a building, that we are giving  
18 them the tools at hand that will ensure their  
19 safety.

20 As you mentioned, this bill goes on  
21 further in terms of whenever our firefighters go  
22 into a building with the intent to rescue a New  
23 Yorker, now they have the information as to the  
24 exact location in terms of the floor that he or she  
25 may be in.

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2 I want to thank Council Member Gale  
3 Brewer for her leadership in presenting this  
4 legislation, and as you mentioned, the staff of the  
5 Committee for working and making sure that this  
6 legislation was a common-sense legislation that came

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7 through the Committee and ensured that the Fire  
8 Department and the Administration both agreed in the  
9 importance of having this legislation in the City of  
10 New York.

11 And, as you mentioned, this is an  
12 ongoing effort by the Council in acting proactively  
13 in ensuring that our firefighters have the tools  
14 that they need, not only to fight fire and rescue  
15 New Yorkers, but that we also give them the tools  
16 that will guarantee their safety whenever they go in  
17 to fight a fire.

18 Thank you, Madam Speaker.

19 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 Council Member Brewer.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you very  
22 much, Madam Speaker, Chair Martinez. And as was  
23 stated earlier, this particular bill requires the  
24 Fire Department to establish rules so that the  
25 numbers of buildings that are 150 feet or more,

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2 which is 13 to 15 stories, actually have on record  
3 electronically the floor numbers.

4 The Speaker mentioned that an east  
5 side building was in a situation when a plane hit  
6 there were many questions as to what floor had been  
7 impacted. In a building in my district, which has  
8 got residents in it, going through a rental to condo

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9 situation, one day the tenants woke up, they were  
10 not on floor 27, they were on floor 38, because many  
11 owners, understandably, from their perspective, want  
12 to sell at a higher floor. And the Fire Department  
13 showed up and had not been brought up to speed and  
14 had no idea that the floors had been changed.

15 That owner received violations, but  
16 in fact the damage had been done and God forbid  
17 there had been a fire or any other kind of  
18 situation.

19 So, we're very pleased to be able to,  
20 as Chair Martinez said, be proactive. I think it  
21 gives residents in our City comfort to know that  
22 this information will flow very quickly,  
23 electronically between the two departments, and in  
24 fact that when floor numbers are changed, that it is  
25 done in a way that provides safety for everyone

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2 concerned.

3 Thank you very much.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you very much.

5 That concludes Communications from the Speaker.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council

7 Member Vann, I understand you have an amendment?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes, I do, Madam

9 Public Advocate. I believe the clerk is going to

10 read it; is that correct?

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11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: The amendment to

13 Intro. 556-A is as follows: A new Section 52 is  
14 added and current Sections 52, 53 and 54 are hereby  
15 renumbered 53, 54 and 55 respectively.

16 Section 52. The following street name  
17 in the Borough of Brooklyn is hereby designated as  
18 hereafter indicated new name Sonny Abubadika Carson  
19 Avenue, present name Gates Avenue, limits from  
20 Classon Avenue to Marcy Avenue.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
22 Member Vann.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes, thank you,  
24 Madam Public Advocate, Speaker Quinn, brothers and  
25 sisters in the City Council, to all of the brothers

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2 and sisters who have come today to witness their  
3 City council in action and to have expressed their  
4 concern and even their outrage early on today at a  
5 press conference. There are really four points I'd  
6 like to make before we vote on the amendment.

7 My first point, I want to address to  
8 all of the black leaders who have come three weeks  
9 ago and those who have come today, and all of the  
10 people, not only of Bed Stuy, but of Central  
11 Brooklyn, and from as far away as Harlem, who have  
12 come to express who we are and who we must remain,

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13 and that when we are one, we have already won. So,  
14 in many ways, it almost doesn't matter how the City  
15 Council votes, because you manned up. You expressed  
16 your manhood, we expressed our womanhood, we  
17 represented our neighborhood, and we will continue  
18 to be self-determined. Nobody is going to stop us  
19 now. We've always struggled.

20 (Applause.)

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
22 please. Please let him finish.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: We've always  
24 struggled and that's how we've made progress.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

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2 AUDIENCE: That's right.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: And Frederick  
4 Douglas said it best, "If there is no struggle,  
5 there will be no progress." And struggle has been  
6 very constant for us. So, don't even fret. We know  
7 who we are. We know what we will be, we know what  
8 our neighborhoods will be, and we will not be  
9 certified, ratified, anything by this body as it  
10 relates to our self-determination. We will have  
11 that.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

13 AUDIENCE: Right.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: The second thing

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15 I want us to be clear on, is because we have already  
16 won, I just want to thank a few people. I want to  
17 thank the December 12th Movement --

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: -- because you  
20 came to me and you said we want to name Gates Avenue  
21 after Sonny Carson. And I said, I can't do that, you  
22 have to go through a process.

23 I know you didn't like it, I know you  
24 were reluctant, but you did it. You went to the  
25 Community Board and you had to meet with the Chair

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2 of the Transportation Committee, Reverend Robert  
3 Warden. He is sensitive to your concerns. He wanted  
4 to say yeah, but he didn't do that. He said you have  
5 to go back to Gates Avenue. You have to get the  
6 petition and signatures of people who live on Gates  
7 Avenue, houses of worship, commercial strips. There  
8 have to be a consent from the people who live there.  
9 You just can't come and name the street after Sonny  
10 Carson.

11 December 12th, I know you were  
12 reluctant, I know you didn't like it, but you did  
13 it. And then you came back to the Committee, and  
14 they sent you through some more hoops, and you went  
15 through those hoops. And eventually you found your  
16 way to the full meeting of Community Board 3, and

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17 there was discussion. And we went through this and  
18 that, and there was meetings that were scheduled and  
19 rescheduled, and eventually the meeting was held,  
20 and two people received votes from the Community  
21 Board.

22 In the case of Sonny Abubadika  
23 Carson, there was one negative vote. There was a  
24 majority vote for Brother George Washington, an  
25 outstanding boxing trainer in Bedford Stuyvesant.

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2 And then the Community Board wrote to me a letter.  
3 They said, you are our Councilperson. It is our  
4 prerogative, it is our resolution, that we co-name  
5 four blocks on Gates Avenue after Sonny Abubadika  
6 Carson, and three blocks on Gates Avenue after  
7 George Washington.

8 I did what I thought was the process.  
9 I put in my LS requests to be joined by all the  
10 other members who made similar requests from their  
11 neighborhoods for people that they wanted to name  
12 them after, okay?

13 I want to thank Beatrice Jones, the  
14 Chairperson of Community Board 3. She was the one  
15 negative vote against Sonny Carson. And when she  
16 found out that there was movement in the City  
17 Council not to accept the prerogative and the  
18 recommendations of this Councilman and their Board,

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19 she wrote a letter to her members and everybody else  
20 she could reach to say how dare they? How dare they?  
21 Thank you, Beatrice Jones, for understanding the  
22 issue. The issue is not just Sonny Carson; it's the  
23 community's prerogative.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Thank you,

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2 Community Board 3.

3 Helen Foster, you are my heroine. You  
4 are my heroine. Helen Foster did the unspeakable.  
5 She voted her conscience.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

7 AUDIENCE: That's right.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: She did what she  
9 thought was right.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

11 AUDIENCE: Right.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: She didn't  
13 concern herself with what are the politics of this,  
14 whether it was that. It was wrong. It was unjust, in  
15 her view and in mine. And, so, as Chairman of the  
16 Committee where this issue came before her, she  
17 spoke out against it and she voted no. We should not  
18 separate Sonny Carson out from all the other 51  
19 recommendations.

20 I've never seen it done before, but

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21 all of the members of the Committee voted against  
22 their Chairperson, one way or the other.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

24 AUDIENCE: That's right.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I've never seen

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2 it in my six years here. I've never seen it happen.

3 You are a strong black lady. You are a Queen. We  
4 support you.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: We support you.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
8 please. Quiet, please. Quiet. Please let the  
9 Councilman finish. Please let the Councilman finish.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Council Member  
11 Robert Jackson, Council Member Maria del Carmen  
12 Arroyo, I appreciate your efforts as co-chairs of  
13 the Black, Latino and Asian Caucus. You were able to  
14 get a consensus of the caucus, that they supported  
15 this amendment before us. You went further, you met  
16 with our Speaker. You expressed the consent of that  
17 caucus. You tried to find ways, you tried to  
18 negotiate a win/win for everybody because you  
19 recognize that there was tension. There were people  
20 that had great concerns. I appreciate your efforts.

21 I appreciate the caucus members, that  
22 you voted to support this amendment.

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24 AUDIENCE: That's right.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I know that

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2 there is some concern that you have, but I know that  
3 you will stand up for the things that you voted for.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

5 AUDIENCE: That's right.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: You said you  
7 took a position, and now we will see that you will  
8 support the position that you took. Thank you for  
9 your leadership. I really appreciate it.

10 Finally, Council Member Barron, goes  
11 without saying, Council Member Darlene Mealy, you  
12 stood tall, both of you, always. Unlikely, on New  
13 York 1, they told me they wanted me to come on and  
14 they wanted me to come on with John Liu. I said  
15 "John Liu?" They thought they had a debate. They  
16 thought they had a debate because they were aware  
17 there was a time when Sonny Carson was involved in  
18 the demonstrations around the Korean groceries in  
19 Bedford Stuyvesant and so forth, and they knew that  
20 John Liu, who obviously is the Asian leader in New  
21 York City, and we will hear more from him in years  
22 ahead, right? That he would have problems with that.

23 And, so, we came on New York 1, and  
24 John Liu said, "Yes, I have problems with Sonny

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25 Carson. I don't like how he conducted himself. He is

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2 not well thought of in parts of the community I  
3 represent, particularly the Korean community. But I  
4 get it." He said, "This is not about Sonny Carson.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

6 AUDIENCE: That's right.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: He said "This is  
8 about the right of a community to name their own  
9 heroes."

10 (Applause.)

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: That's  
12 extraordinary. That's extraordinary, to be able to  
13 take that position when he represents Koreans. He  
14 represents a lot of people who come from the Asian  
15 community. That's a strong position. You're a good  
16 man. You have a lot of character, John. I thank you  
17 for that.

18 (Applause.)

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Let me move to  
20 my third point. I'm almost through. I believe that  
21 people of goodwill often times make a lot of  
22 mistakes because they don't understand the people  
23 that they're dealing with. I don't know what it  
24 takes to understand the funded experience of a  
25 people. I don't know. Because imagine being ripped

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2 from your native land, being put on slave ships,  
3 shackled and bound, hand to foot, no room to do  
4 anything, defecate, throw everything right where you  
5 are over the rough Atlantic waters. You know, we  
6 used to have a debate in the black community, who  
7 was the most courageous Africans, those who jumped  
8 overboard, rather than suffer the indignities of  
9 slavery, those who tried to kill the slaver, and  
10 they were thereby killed, or those who wanted to  
11 survive so we would be here. And it took me a long  
12 time to understand who were the bravest and the  
13 courageous. You know who it was? All of the above.  
14 All of the above.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE  
16 AUDIENCE: All of the above.

17 (Applause.)

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I don't know how  
19 you understand when a people are taken to a strange  
20 land, their names are taken from them, their  
21 language is taken from them, their religion is taken  
22 from them, their women are taken from them, their  
23 children are taken from them, I mean, we have  
24 essentially destroyed a people. Black people are not  
25 supposed to be here today. who else could have

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2 endured that inhumanity to man, other than black  
3 people? we endured that, and you know what you  
4 called us? Not you, personally, but you called us  
5 "niggers." We were the "niggers." Niggers were less  
6 than human beings. It made it easier to enslave us.  
7 So, they're niggers, they're not human beings. And,  
8 so, we were niggers. And, so, how do we get out of  
9 that niggerism? we rebelled. The Nat Turners of the  
10 world, the Gabriel Passers of the world, and the  
11 thousands of other rebels that you never even  
12 heard about.

13                   And I hope you're not hearing this  
14 for the first time, but it's possible, because, you  
15 know, our history was not in the history books. So,  
16 you could have gone all through college and not  
17 learned about anything about black people, where we  
18 come from, even though we were first on the planet,  
19 and what we did; isn't that amazing to you?

20                   Nonetheless, we got through it. And,  
21 so, you said, okay, we can't call them niggers  
22 anymore, we'll call them Negros. So, we were Negros  
23 for awhile during Jim Crowism. But we struggled  
24 through that. We struggled through the slavery  
25 thing. We struggled through the Jim Crowism, the

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2 Negro thing you called us. And we had our  
3 abolitionists, you know. We had the SNIC (phonetic),  
4 and SELC and CORE, and all the organizations who had  
5 us organize, and we fought this status quo, and so  
6 we changed you. You stopped calling us "Negros" as  
7 we continued to make progress because we struggled  
8 and we made progress.

9                   And then as we moved into the  
10 mid-20th Century, you stopped calling us Negros, you  
11 started calling us "minorities." You said minority,  
12 but somehow it sounds like "nigger." You know?

13                   (APPLAUSE.)

14                   COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: You said  
15 minority, but somehow it sound like inferior, you  
16 know? These are our minorities, you know? And so we  
17 struggled through that. We struggled for our  
18 schools, we struggled for health care, we struggled  
19 for jobs, we struggled trying to get out of poverty.

20                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

21 AUDIENCE: Right.

22                   COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: We struggled for  
23 respect, for equality, that's all. Don't love me,  
24 just respect me. That's all we wanted. That's all we  
25 struggled for.

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2                   UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

3 AUDIENCE: That's right.

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4 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: And, so, now  
5 we're no longer the minority. We're really the  
6 majority.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE  
8 AUDIENCE: That's right.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: And we have a  
10 majority mindset now - we don't think like niggers,  
11 we don't think like Negroes, we don't think like  
12 minorities. We think like men and women, standing up  
13 on our own two feet.

14 (Applause.)

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Let me conclude.  
16 The constant thing for us as black people has been  
17 self-determination. Throughout our whole time here  
18 on this side of the world, the most constant  
19 rallying cry for us has been self-determination.  
20 And, so, we cannot have anyone infringe upon that  
21 human right. I know this fairly innocuous bill of  
22 street renaming, of street naming, sounds so  
23 innocuous, so routine, and, yet, now it's not that.  
24 You have hit a nerve. You hearken back to a time  
25 that we've already overcome. You're infringing upon

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2 our human right. And, so, whatever vote you take  
3 here today on this amendment, or whatever comes  
4 after this amendment, understand what you're voting.

5 In one way you're voting whether or  
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6 not you respect the struggle of black people, you  
7 respect our community, our self-determination, our  
8 neighborhoods and what we stand for, you are voting  
9 for your own neighborhood.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

11 AUDIENCE: Right.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: You're voting  
13 for your own right.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

15 AUDIENCE: That's right.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Hopefully you're  
17 voting to maintain the tradition that I found here,  
18 respecting every Council Members' prerogative really  
19 to his district when you're dealing with the local  
20 issue. You know that's the unwritten law around  
21 here. I serve on Land Use, I see it every time we  
22 meet.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

24 AUDIENCE: That's right.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: So, understand,

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2 I don't want you to vote for Al Vann. I don't want  
3 you to vote for Sonny Carson. I want you to vote for  
4 the Democratic principle. I want you to vote for the  
5 tradition of this House.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

7 AUDIENCE: That's right.

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8 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I want you to  
9 vote for the integrity of this institution. That's  
10 what I want you to vote for.

11 See, this vote is a test on those of  
12 us who are here. It has nothing to do with the  
13 people. It has to do with the people in this  
14 Chamber. This is a test. This is our test for the  
15 world to see who we are and what we are made of.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE  
17 AUDIENCE: Right.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: This is a test  
19 for the Speaker. The Speaker has said I have my  
20 personal opinion, it's very strong, I'm not going to  
21 change it, and I respect that.

22 She also alluded to the fact that she  
23 would not use the power of the Speakership to  
24 support her personal prerogative. She said members  
25 can vote their conscience without fear of

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2 retaliation. So, she warming up (sic). I respect  
3 that. Not everybody could make that position. It's  
4 so tempting to have that power, how can you not use  
5 it? That's a strong statement.

6 There are members here -- let's deal  
7 with it. There are members here who will tell me  
8 privately, "I agree with your motion." "I want to  
9 vote it," and they don't say it's because I'm

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10 afraid. They find other ways of saying, well, you  
11 know, I got these things going on. I got this  
12 happening, and I don't want anything to happen that  
13 they don't have to deliver for my people. And I  
14 understand that. And I say, because I have lobbied  
15 nobody, I say vote your conscience. Vote whatever  
16 you can defend. Vote whatever you can support. Don't  
17 vote for me. Don't vote for the Speaker. Analyze it,  
18 weigh it, evaluate it. What is the underlying  
19 principle that you're voting on? If you don't vote  
20 on the principle, then what are you voting on? Then  
21 you're voting on a whim. What is the principle?  
22 Support that principle and everything should be all  
23 right. When you support a principle, yes, there will  
24 be risk. Well, hell, Harriet Tubman took risk.  
25 That's why we're here.

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2 (Applause.)  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Why can't we  
4 take risks?  
5 My colleagues, I enjoy your  
6 camaraderie, I enjoy your friendship that some of us  
7 share. I know many of you, intelligent people  
8 concerned about your communities, concerned about  
9 our City. We try to live comfortable lives. We don't  
10 want conflict in our lives, which is unrealistic.  
11 This is what we're supposed to do, make hard

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12 decisions. That's why we get elected, to make hard  
13 decisions. Everything can't be easy. Take a risk  
14 some time, if it's based on something real. This is  
15 a real conflict for you. The City is looking at you,  
16 at us, they want to know how do you stand up when  
17 you have an issue of principle versus personality,  
18 if you will.

19 I believe in you. I believe you will  
20 be strong. I believe you will rise to the occasion.  
21 I believe you will vote for this amendment, because  
22 this amendment is about the people, it's about  
23 self-determination, it's about you, it's about our  
24 institution, it's about the Democratic process, the  
25 democratic principle, and I thank you for the

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2 opportunity.

3 (Applause.)

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
5 please. Quiet. Thank you very much, Council member.  
6 Very eloquent speech.

7 We would now ask that others speak to  
8 the amendment. You have two minutes, all of you, and  
9 Council Member Barron is first.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you,  
11 Madam Chair. And I cannot say enough of how proud I  
12 am of Council Member Al Vann.

13 (Applause.)

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14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Council Member  
15 Vann, when I grow up, I want to be just like you.  
16 But today I'm not in the mood to be polite, because  
17 I know what's going to go down. I know what the  
18 Speaker does. I don't care what she perfects out of  
19 her mouth, I know what's going to go down.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE:  
21 Right.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: And I know  
23 that if you have 45 members present, and people  
24 start abstaining, Tish James, I know that that is a  
25 no vote. And some people said, "Don't take it

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2 personal," "Don't point nobody out," I take this  
3 very personal, Speaker. And I think you brought us  
4 to a place of divide that this City Council has  
5 never experienced in the history of this City  
6 Council. You have divided us more than Sonny Carson  
7 ever divided any people anywhere.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE:  
9 That's right.

10 (Applause.)

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
12 please. Quiet.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You have  
14 divided us.

15 And you could do what you want to  
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16 East New York, 'cause we'll rumble when we get to  
17 that point.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's right.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: But the bottom  
20 line, you could have easily backed down off this.  
21 Reverend Daltry and I, and many other black leaders,  
22 supported Irish independence. When Bobby Sands  
23 starved himself to death, Joe Doherty, they called  
24 the Irish Republican Army and the Irish Independent  
25 Fighters "thugs," "terrorists." We supported it

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2 anyway, all the way back to Frederick Douglas. You  
3 don't even know Sonny Carson.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE:  
5 Right.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: You never even  
7 spoke to Sonny Carson. And I'm not letting you off  
8 the hook because I know the hook is already in, and  
9 it's a shame that you put us through this. And for  
10 those of you who want to do Citywide offices, and  
11 come to our churches during Election Day, we're  
12 going to remember this day.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: We're going to  
15 remember this day.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
17 please.

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18                   Council member.  
19                   Quiet. Quiet. Please be quiet.  
20                   Council member, your time is up.  
21                   (Applause.)  
22                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
23 please. Council Member. Quiet. Quiet, please. Please  
24 be quiet.  
25                   Council Member, your time is up.

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2                   COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Well, I'm  
3 taking more time.  
4                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
5 member --  
6                   COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm not  
7 stopping.  
8                   PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Your time is  
9 up, Charles.  
10                  COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Because I may  
11 not have no other opportunity, because I know how  
12 the vote is going to go, and they disrespected our  
13 process by disrespecting our community. The Speaker  
14 had the article in the Daily News, I read about it  
15 in the Daily News because you didn't have enough  
16 respect to come to our community and tell us you  
17 were going to do this. You told the Daily News  
18 first.  
19                  PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
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20 member, I have to ask you to stop.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm not  
22 stopping.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Your two  
24 minutes is up.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm not

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2 stopping.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Please,  
4 Council member.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm not  
6 stopping. You can plead, you can call the cops --

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
8 member --

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I'm not  
10 stopping.

11 (Outburst from the audience.)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Because I'm  
13 not going to win this vote, but you're going to hear  
14 what I have to say, whether you like it or not,  
15 because we have gone through too much.

16 The Speaker picks the chairs. She  
17 picks, and all Speakers have done it, they pick all  
18 the members of the committees. They determine how  
19 much money you're going to get for your district.  
20 They determine what you're going to get and not  
21 going to get, and then they work all the members.

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22 I've spoken to some of you and you  
23 said I can't do it, I already -- and you can pull  
24 this, I'll just speak loud anyway, Christine, so you  
25 could tell Chuck to do whatever he wants to do, but

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2 I'm going to speak my mind today...(microphone is  
3 not picking up Council Member Barron.)  
4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
5 Member, could we ask you, please, to stop?  
6 (Outburst from the audience.)  
7 (Microphone is not picking up Council  
8 Member Barron.)  
9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
10 please. Quiet. Quiet.  
11 (Outburst from the audience.)  
12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
13 Member DeBlasio.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER DeBLASIO:  
15 Can you hear me?  
16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Yes.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER DeBLASIO: Let's get my  
18 two minutes, back. Okay.  
19 I want to say at the outset I have  
20 immense respect for Al Vann. And Al Vann is someone  
21 who does not seek our praise as colleagues, and it's  
22 not about ego for him, but I think he deserves it. I  
23 had the honor of serving with him as Co-chair of the

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24 Brooklyn delegation, and I have seen over the years  
25 how he has been fundamentally misrepresented in the

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2 media, and I think he's someone worthy of immense  
3 respect for his service to all communities.

4 I also want to say even Sonny Carson  
5 should not be caricatured, and I don't agree with  
6 some of what Sonny Carson said, but I also know he  
7 did important work in the community. I don't like  
8 and I don't believe and I don't agree with some of  
9 the things he said, but I know there was more to him  
10 than that as well.

11 In 1989, I worked on the campaign of  
12 David Dinkins. It was a moment when an incredibly  
13 important and fragile and unprecedented coalition  
14 was being brought together to change this City. And  
15 in that time is when some of Sonny Carson's words  
16 were heard most publicly around the City, and I  
17 felt, and I still feel today that they were negative  
18 and inappropriate and divisive. Also, I saw what an  
19 important impact he had in the community. I saw that  
20 he was a strong community leader, but what we're  
21 deciding on today is to give the imprimatur of the  
22 entire City of New York, to name something in  
23 perpetuity on behalf of all the people of New York  
24 City, and I am going to vote my conscience, and my  
25 conscience tells me I cannot support naming a street

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2 after someone who made these divisive comments.

3 So, it's as simple as that to me. We  
4 need to recognize the complexity, but in the end we  
5 have a responsibility, we should do it openly, we  
6 should do it publicly, we should claim  
7 responsibility and vote our conscience --

8 (Outburst from the audience).

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER DeBLASIO: -- And my  
11 conscience says that we should vote no --

12 (Outburst from the audience.)

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
14 please.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DeBLASIO: -- On this  
16 amendment, and I urge my colleagues to vote no.

17 Thank you.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
19 Member Koppell.

20 Thank you, Council Member.

21 Quiet, please.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL:

23 Unfortunately, Councilman Vann, who I respect and  
24 like and served with for many years, has  
25 mischaracterized what we're doing here today.

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2 We're not voting on the Civil Rights  
3 Movement. We're not voting on the fact that blacks  
4 have indeed been deprived of their rights. And we're  
5 not voting --

6 (Outburst from audience.)

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
8 please.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: -- On whether  
10 that was justified or not. It was not justified.  
11 We're voting on whether we should honor a particular  
12 individual who has a very divisive history, and who  
13 has been a representative of black separatism and a  
14 representative of achieving ends with threatened  
15 violence. We don't believe in that in the United  
16 States.

17 (Outburst from the audience.)

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Let him  
19 speak. Quiet, please.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: This is a man  
21 who derided Mayor Dinkins and said the Mayoral  
22 Administration of David Dinkins, who I supported for  
23 Mayor, stinks. This is a man who derided Martin  
24 Luther King.

25 (Outburst from audience.)

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,

3 please.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: This is a man  
5 who was described at the time of the Korean boycott  
6 as follows, by the New York Times: "While the facts  
7 may be in dispute --

8 (Outburst from the audience.)

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,

10 please.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: -- There is  
12 nothing ambiguous about the behavior of Robert Sonny  
13 Carson, the convicted kidnapper and racial  
14 provocateur, who is leading the boycott. Picketers  
15 shout threats and spit at would-be customers. Their  
16 leaflets exhort people to boycott all Korean stores,  
17 and avoid shopping with people who do not look like  
18 us. Sonny Carson --

19 (Outburst from audience.)

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,

21 please.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE  
23 AUDIENCE: You're lying and you know it.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,

25 please.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: --"... when  
3 accused of being..." -- Sonny Carson, and there is  
4 not doubt about this, "... when accused of being  
5 anti-Semitic because of the very many virulently  
6 anti-Semitic statements that he and his followers  
7 made said, 'oh, I'm not anti-Semitic, I'm  
8 anti-white.'

9 That is not someone, who has  
10 repeatedly, he terrorized teachers in 1968 in Ocean  
11 Hill, Brownsville.

12 (Outburst from audience.)

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
14 please. Quiet.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: The record is  
16 clear, he was convicted of kidnapping in an incident  
17 that led to the murder of one of the kidnapped  
18 people. This is not a man who should be honored by  
19 the City Council. That's what we're doing today, Al,  
20 if we adopt your amendment. We should not do it.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you,  
22 Council member.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: I will vote  
24 no.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council

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2 member, thank you.

3 (Outburst from audience.)

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4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Would

5 anybody else care to speak to this amendment?

6 Council Member Foster.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.

8 I'm here because people paved the way  
9 for me to be here. I am the daughter of a man who  
10 saw his first lynching at seven years old in  
11 Alabama.

12 (Outburst from audience.)

13 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I am the  
14 granddaughter of a woman who never was able to cast  
15 her right to vote by law in the State of Alabama.  
16 And Oliver Koppell, violence was defined by this  
17 country when they took Africans from their country.

18 (Outburst from audience.)

19 (Applause.)

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: So, I think  
21 it's important that you learn your history --

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
23 please.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER:-- Because it's  
25 nothing worse than historical amnesia.

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2 (Outburst from audience.)

3 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER:-- We lie to  
4 ourselves.

5 But as Al Vann already said, we've

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6 already won. What you don't understand in this  
7 Chambers is, as for me, I don't need this body or  
8 anyone else to define me. I am already defined by  
9 the people that paved the way for me to be here. And  
10 we as black folks are always told to understand and  
11 accept apologies. We have buildings in this country  
12 named for slaves.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM THE

14 AUDIENCE: Right.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER:-- Georgetown  
16 University was built by slaves, but we're always  
17 told to understand, we are told to understand that  
18 it was the time.

19 Well, I'm telling you, Sonny Carson  
20 came along at a time where it had nothing to do with  
21 white people. Believe it or not, but we don't think  
22 about you all the time.

23 (Outburst from audience.)

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: -- It had to  
25 do with blacks.

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2 (Applause.)

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER:-- It had to do  
5 with self-determination.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Let her  
7 finish.

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8 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: -- We have a  
9 monument in Central Park named after James Marion  
10 Simms, who is considered the "Doctor of Gynecology."  
11 You know, he practiced on black women slaves without  
12 anesthesia until he could get the surgery correct,  
13 but you don't have a problem with the statue, do  
14 you?

15 (Outburst from audience.)

16 (Applause.)

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: We are told to  
18 understand. And, so, no matter how you vote today,  
19 and Al, you are my hero, thank you for applauding me  
20 --

21 (Applause.)

22 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: -- But I don't  
23 need applause. Everything I do in this body is  
24 governed by my conscience, and my principle tells me  
25 that what we're doing here is wrong.

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2 we, meaning blacks, decide who our  
3 leaders are. No one else decides.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Time is up,  
5 Council member.

6 (Applause.)

7 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I will end.

8 In closing, I want to tell everyone  
9 who is in support of not Sonny Carson, but doing

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10 what's right, we have already won. And we have often  
11 heard that a house divided cannot stand. This is a  
12 body divided, and what we do here today is going to  
13 determine what happens down the future. And while  
14 it's Al Vann's community today --

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: -- It's going  
17 to be someone else's.. So, make sure when you vote --  
18 (Applause.)

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you,  
20 Council member.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: You vote the  
22 correct way.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you,  
24 Council member.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: Thank you.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
3 please.

4 Council Member Mendez.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you,  
6 Madam Speaker. I rise today to thank Council Member  
7 Al Vann and to thank my Speaker Christine Quinn.  
8 During this whole process, at no point did Al Vann  
9 come and ask me to vote for this. But during  
10 meetings I heard him say "This is what my community  
11 wanted, they followed the process." To this day I do

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12 not know if Al Vann thinks that Sonny Carson is a  
13 hero, because he did not take it to that level. All  
14 he told me, or told us in a meeting, is "my  
15 community followed the process, and I respect  
16 process."

17 My Speaker called me to speak to me  
18 and never asked me for a vote. All she said is I  
19 want to explain to you my decision why I cannot vote  
20 for this, and I respect her decision and I respect  
21 everyone in this room today, no matter what they  
22 vote. And I will be voting yes on this amendment and  
23 urge others to do the same thing. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Anybody

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2 else?

3 Would anybody else care to speak? Any  
4 other Council member?

5 Speaker Quinn.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Thank you. Sometimes  
7 the City Council gets made fun of for naming  
8 streets, but it's actually a very important act that  
9 we take. It's a moment when we give recognition to  
10 important people in the City of New York.

11 (Outburst from audience).

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
13 please.

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14 SPEAKER QUINN: It's a moment where we  
15 say this individual has embodied the core values of  
16 our five boroughs. This person's life in its  
17 totality has embodied what we in this City and this  
18 City Council struggled to make true about our City.

19 Outburst from audience.)

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: And if you look at the  
22 life and the full record of who Sunny Carson was, it  
23 was divisive. It was a record that did not seek --

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
25 please.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN:-- to move some forward  
3 with not being at the expense of others. It is a  
4 record that is without apology, a divisive record.

5 (Outburst from audience.)

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: It is not a record  
8 which stood in full support and full solidarity for  
9 all New Yorkers of all races and religions.

10 (Outburst from audience.)

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
12 please.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: We, as a City Council  
14 --

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

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16 Quiet.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: -- We as a City  
18 Council have an obligation to make sure that when we  
19 honor New Yorkers with our vote on street renamings,  
20 that we do it for individuals that meet the core  
21 values of the City of New York --

22 (Outburst from audience).

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

24 SPEAKER QUINN:-- For individuals --

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Let her

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2 finish.

3 SPEAKER QUINN: -- who were uniting,  
4 not divisive.

5 So, this for me is a matter of  
6 principle. I personally do not believe Sonny Carson  
7 was an individual who was uniting --

8 (Outburst from audience.)

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: I believe --

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Let her

12 finish.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: -- The record is  
14 clear, he was a divisive individual. He was not --

15 (Outburst from audience.)

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet. Will  
17 you allow her to finish?

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18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.  
19 SPEAKER QUINN: He was not an  
20 individual who sought to bring our City together.  
21 (Outburst from audience.)  
22 SPEAKER QUINN: That record is clear  
23 --  
24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER FROM AUDIENCE:  
25 Your two minutes are up.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN:-- And we need to cast

3 a vote today --

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

5 SPEAKER QUINN: -- To make sure that

6 we don't honor New Yorkers, who in any way, shape or

7 form, have not lived up to the core values and

8 principles --

9 (Outburst from audience.)

10 SPEAKER QUINN: -- The core values and

11 principles of this, the most diverse, and greatest

12 city in the world.

13 I urge my colleagues to vote no on

14 the amendment.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Roll call.

16 Roll call.

17 (Outburst from audience.)

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Roll call.

19 Please be quiet.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Addabbo.  
21 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sit down, please.  
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Addabbo.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: No.  
24 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Avella.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Yes.  
4 (Applause.)  
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Baez.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Abstain.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Proudly, yes.  
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I would like  
11 to explain my vote.  
12 It is a hard decision. I'm going to  
13 vote no on the amendment, but it has to do, it has a  
14 lot of conflict because I'm a big believer in  
15 process. I want to join Council Member DeBlasio in  
16 our great respect for the Statesman Al Vann, and to  
17 state that it is because of a lot of weighing of  
18 both the individual who I think as time goes on we  
19 should be paying a lot more attention to everyone  
20 who is proposed, there should be more discussion,  
21 there should be more analysis. But in this

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22 particular situation, I am voting no. Thank you.  
23 (Outburst from audience.)  
24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Abstain.  
3 (Outburst from audience.)  
4 SPEAKER QUINN: Madam Public Advocate?  
5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Yes, Ms.  
6 Speaker.  
7 SPEAKER QUINN: We need to make sure  
8 that people can cast their votes in whatever way  
9 they want. We cannot have booing and disruption when  
10 members vote. It is very important that we conduct  
11 the rest of these procedures in a dignified fashion.  
12 So, if I please could ask the folks who are here  
13 today to not boo, hiss or say any negative comments  
14 about people when they are casting their votes.  
15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Thank you,  
16 Christine.  
17 COUNCIL CLERK: DeBlasio.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER DEBLASIO: No.  
19 COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Abstain.  
21 (Outburst from audience.)  
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Yes.

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(Applause.)  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Abstain.  
3 (Outburst from audience.)  
4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Felder.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: No.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Madam Public  
9 Advocate, may I be briefly excused to explain my  
10 vote?  
11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: First, I want  
13 to reiterate what some of my colleagues have said. I  
14 have enormous respect for Al Vann, and the dignity  
15 in which he has conducted himself in this matter.  
16 (Outburst from audience.)  
17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
18 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: You can boo  
19 me, I'm prepared for that.  
20 I also want to say I have enormous,  
21 enormous respect for Speaker Quinn. You know, the  
22 easy thing to do would have been to go along and do  
23 this. Sometimes it takes a great deal of courage to  
24 say no, and I appreciate the courage that it took  
25 for her to stand up in this room and do what she

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2 did, all right? And I think she deserves a great  
3 deal of credit for the respectful manner -- you  
4 know, in previous Councils --

5 (Outburst from audience.)

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
7 please.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: -- This matter  
9 wouldn't have gotten to the floor.

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Please. Will  
11 you respect his right to speak, please.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: In previous  
13 Councils this wouldn't have gotten to the floor. The  
14 Democratic process that we've had here is remarkable  
15 and, you know, it should be commended.

16 I just want to say that the people  
17 who live on the City street do not have the  
18 prerogative to rename it, community boards do not  
19 have the prerogative to rename a City street, and a  
20 local Council member doesn't have the prerogative.  
21 They may be prerequisites, but they're not  
22 prerogatives. Because if people living on the block  
23 had that right, they wouldn't have had to go to the  
24 Community Board. And if the Community Board had that  
25 right, it wouldn't have to come to the Council, and

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2 if the local Councilman had that right, he wouldn't  
3 need my vote.

4 So, I am voting as a matter of  
5 conscience, on behalf of the people of the City of  
6 New York I have a rule, I hope I have never broken  
7 it, and I hope I never will. I will never name a  
8 street in the City for someone I consider to be a  
9 racist, be anti-Semitic, a homophobic or a  
10 misogynist.

11 (Outburst from audience.)

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: And in this  
13 particular case --

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER:-- I'm voting  
16 my conscience, and I vote no.

17 (Outburst from audience.)

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I'm voting yes  
21 on behalf of blacks and the ability to have  
22 self-determination.

23 (Applause.)

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Gallagher.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLAGHER: I proudly

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2 vote my conscience: No.  
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: No.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: No.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: No.  
9 COUNCIL CLERK: Gioia.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: No.  
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: No.  
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No.  
15 COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.  
16 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Yes.  
17 (Applause.)  
18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
19 COUNCIL CLERK: James.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Abstain.  
21 COUNCIL CLERK: Katz.  
22 COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: I vote no.  
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: No.  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: No.  
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3 COUNCIL CLERK: Liu.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.  
5 COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Yes.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Martinez.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Abstain.  
9 COUNCIL CLERK: McMahon.  
10 COUNCIL MEMBER McMAHON: No.  
11 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.  
12 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Can I explain  
13 my vote?

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I would like to  
16 say that we, as a body, should really look at  
17 ourselves and see what are we doing at this process.  
18 It's not about Al Vann. It's really not about  
19 Carson; it's about the process. And I feel we should  
20 not let people decide who is our heroes or sheroes,  
21 and I vote proudly yes.

22 (Applause.)  
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.  
24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Yes.  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Monserrate.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER MONSERRATE: Yes.  
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: May I be  
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5 excused to explain my vote?

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Thirty

8 something years ago Sonny Carson walked into my  
9 wife's classroom and said he doesn't want any white  
10 Jews teaching his children. And he also said he  
11 would carve his initials on her chest if she didn't  
12 leave. I am voting --

13 (Outburst from audience.)

14 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Yeah, right. I  
15 am voting no.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
17 please. Over there, please, be quiet.

18 COUNCIL CLERK: Palma.

19 (No response.)

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RECCHIA: No.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Yes.

24 (Applause.)

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Permission to  
3 explain my vote?

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: On the wall  
6 over there is a picture of the Commander-in-Chief  
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7 George Washington and a statement. George Washington  
8 also, as everyone knows, was a major slave holder.  
9 Above me is Thomas Jefferson. A statement by Thomas  
10 Jefferson. Thomas Jefferson not only owned slaves,  
11 but he had a child with an under-age slave.

12 My favorite of the three was Lincoln.  
13 Lincoln, whose statements today would be seen in a  
14 very bigoted light. He made statements. However, to  
15 his credit he grew past that position and became one  
16 of the greatest presidents that this country has  
17 ever had. This shows that the people have the  
18 ability to grow.

19 We cannot change horses in the middle  
20 of a stream. You can't have a process and then get  
21 rid of a process when it doesn't suit us. We should  
22 have at least said, okay, from this point on, we  
23 will come up with a different process, but you can't  
24 say that when you have one person you're going to  
25 change it. What we have done is opened a Pandora's

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2 box. You're going to see a flood of people who want  
3 to rename streets, away from Washington, away from  
4 Jefferson, away from Lincoln. Where will this stop?

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: We can go on.  
7 We have opened up a Pandora's box here. I urge that  
8 somehow we, too, have to grow. We have to find a way

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9 past these things and grow, or else we're going to  
10 be fighting age-old fights forever.

11 I vote yes to the amendment. We have  
12 to have the amendment.

13 (Applause.)

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: The community  
15 has a right to name itself, otherwise change your  
16 process before or change your process after so  
17 you're not seen as biased against any individual.

18 Thank you very much.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

20 COUNCIL CLERK: Sears.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: No.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Stewart.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER STEWART: Abstain.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: No.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Can I explain  
4 my vote?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: It's always  
7 interesting when a group of individuals are here for  
8 the right to be heard, and they would so easily deny  
9 everyone else the right to be heard.

10 I want to commend our Speaker for her  
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11 actions today. Let me just say that as elected  
12 officials, we are elected to lead, not hide behind  
13 process and procedure. We are elected to unite, not  
14 divide the most diverse City in the world. This  
15 attempt today to bestow a City honor, not a  
16 community honor, a City honor, on someone who was  
17 clearly a racist and a convicted criminal, hurts our  
18 City Council, and more importantly, it hurts the  
19 City we are sworn to serve, and I vote no.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Can I explain my  
23 vote?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: It is not your

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2 prerogative to tell any particular community who  
3 they should honor. That has not been an issue before  
4 us before. I don't know who the hell all the people  
5 are that we voted for in street names before, it was  
6 not an issue. It only became an issue for Sonny  
7 Abubadika Carson. And I don't know why. I don't know  
8 why we're not honoring what we've always honored  
9 before. No, it's not a mandate whether it's a  
10 community Council vote. No, we understand that. We  
11 understand that. But we also understand, we always  
12 respect that unless there is an impact beyond that

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13 community. Come on, let's be honest here. You  
14 talking about unifying us? We haven't been unified  
15 today. We've been divided today. We've been divided  
16 today, but that's okay. It's all right, because the  
17 community is going to be strengthened behind this.

18 (Outburst from audience.)

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
20 please.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: We understand  
22 what we have to do as a community and as a people to  
23 prevail. And, so, you have provided another avenue  
24 of strengthening the community, and we'll come back,  
25 and we'll do other things, and we will get a

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2 different response, because we understand what we  
3 are up against.

4 I vote yes.

5 (Applause.)

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: May I be  
8 temporarily excused to explain my vote?

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Yes, I have to  
11 praise the way Speaker Quinn has handled this whole  
12 situation.

13 She has done a phenomenal job in  
14 allowing the democratic process to go forward. I was  
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15 very offended by the remarks of Council Member  
16 Barron directed personally at the Speaker, because  
17 as was pointed out before, if Speaker Quinn had not  
18 been as Democratic and open as she has, we would  
19 never be here in this situation, this would never be  
20 aired the way it is, and I really have to say that,  
21 Speaker Quinn, you deserve a tremendous amount of  
22 praise. I vote no.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

24 Quiet.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: Yassky.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING

2 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Madam Public  
3 Advocate, in thinking about this vote I spoke to a  
4 number of community leaders from communities,  
5 different parts of Brooklyn, and to people who knew  
6 Sonny Carson, as I did not, and to a person, what  
7 they said is that Sonny Carson did some very  
8 important and constructive work, and he did some  
9 very destructive things to a person, people who  
10 supported the renaming and people who did not.

11 On the basis of that record, I vote  
12 no. This is not a vote about a group of New Yorkers  
13 choosing who to make their hero. This is the City,  
14 the government of the City of New York choosing to  
15 bestow an honor. And I do not believe that the  
16 record of Sonny Carson is one that the City of New

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17 York should honor.

18 And I do want to also say that no  
19 one, not the Speaker, nor anyone who works for the  
20 Speaker, asked me to vote one way or another, and  
21 implicitly or explicitly, I'm voting the way on what  
22 I think is the right vote. I vote no on the  
23 amendment.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
25 please. Allow them to finish the vote.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Can I be  
4 temporarily excused to explain my vote?

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Around 17 months  
7 ago or so, whenever it was, we came together to vote  
8 on a new Speaker, and we made history that day. And  
9 for many of us it was an emotional-filled day, and  
10 as a strict Catholic kid from Staten Island to cast  
11 a vote for an openly gay Speaker was monumental in  
12 my life. And I have to tell you, as Christine  
13 Quinn's friend, as the Minority Leader, it really  
14 pains me today to hear venom directed at her, given  
15 her struggles and the causes she's advocated.

16 (Outburst from audience.)

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: To hear the  
18 ignorance and the level --

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19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
20 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO:-- Of hatred  
21 directed to a woman who has fostered diversity,  
22 whether you agree or disagree with her, is  
23 absolutely uncalled for.  
24 (Outburst from audience.)  
25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING  
2 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: I have been  
3 proud to call her my friend --  
4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: I'm going to  
5 have you removed.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: -- And I am  
7 absolutely proud of the courage she's demonstrated  
8 today, regardless of whether you agree or disagree  
9 with the position she's taken.  
10 Al Vann is a gentleman. He is a class  
11 act. I mean no disrespect to you, Al, but I vote no.  
12 (Outburst from audience.)  
13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote yes.  
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.  
17 SPEAKER QUINN: I vote no.  
18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: The  
19 amendment before us today was defeated by a vote of  
20 15 in the affirmative, 25 negative and seven

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21 abstentions.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Please say  
23 the count again.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Yes.

25 The amendment before us today was

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2 defeated by a vote of 15 in the affirmative, 25  
3 negative, and seven abstentions.

4 Report of Special Committees.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: None.

6 SPEAKER QUINN: Madam Public Advocate

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8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Oh, I made a  
9 mistake. We have to go back to the, sorry, the old  
10 Discussion of General Orders. Forgive me. And all  
11 other matters, would anybody like to discuss? You  
12 have two minutes.

13 Report of Special Committees.

14 (Outburst from audience.)

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Report of  
16 Special Committees.

17 (Outburst from audience.)

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Madam Public Advocate,  
19 we'll wait for the Chambers balcony to be cleared  
20 before we begin the meeting.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Report of  
22 Special Committees.

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23 Are we ready?  
24 SPEAKER QUINN: Just one more minute,  
25 Madam Public Advocate, please.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Okay.  
3 SPEAKER QUINN: Go ahead, Madam Public  
4 Advocate.  
5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Report of  
6 Special Committees.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: None.  
8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Reports of  
9 Standing Committees.  
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
11 Committee on Finance.  
12 Intro. 555. Establishment of the  
13 Court-Livingston-Schermerhorn Business Improvement  
14 District.  
15 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
16 Orders.  
17 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered Reso  
18 862. Establishment of the Sunnyside Business  
19 Improvement District.  
20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.  
21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
22 Orders.  
23 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 456  
24 and Reso 871, through Preconsidered LU 458 and Reso  
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25 873.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING

2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Report on the  
5 Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services.

6 Intro. 496-A, mandating that the  
7 Commissioner of the Fire Department promulgate rules  
8 requiring building owners to file a list indicating  
9 a number of each floor of the building.

10 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
11 General Orders.

12 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
13 Committee on Housing and Buildings.

14 Intro. 561-A. Alternative Enforcement  
15 Program by the Department of Housing Preservation  
16 and Development.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Amended and coupled on  
18 General Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Report of the  
20 Committee on Land Use.

21 LU 375 and Reso 874, ULURP,  
22 Manhattan.

23 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled to be filed  
24 pursuant to a letter of withdrawal.

25 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 376 and Reso 875

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING  
2 through LU 431 and Reso 882 on page four, various  
3 ULURPs and UDAAPS.

4 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
5 Orders.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 434 through LU 436,  
7 on page five. Various ULURPs.

8 SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with  
9 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
10 Commission, pursuant to rule 11.70(b) of the Rules  
11 of the Council, and Section 197-d of the New York  
12 City Charter.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 440 and Reso 883.  
14 UDAAP, Brooklyn.

15 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
16 Orders.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 445. ULURP.

18 SPEAKER QUINN: Approved with  
19 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
20 Commission, pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the rules  
21 of the Council and Section 197-d of the New York  
22 City Charter.

23 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 446 and Reso 884,  
24 through LU 454 and Reso 890 on page six. Various  
25 UDAAPs. Landmark designations.

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1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING

2 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Preconsidered LU 459  
5 and Reso 891. 650-seat primary intermediate  
6 facility.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
8 Orders.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: General  
10 Order Calendar.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Intro. 556-A. Naming  
12 of 51 thoroughfares in public places.

13 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
14 Orders.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: LU 434 and Reso 892  
16 through LU 445 and Reso 895, various ULURPs.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
18 Orders.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Resolution appointing  
20 various persons Commissioner of Deeds.

21 SPEAKER QUINN: Coupled on General  
22 Orders. And at this point I ask for a roll call on  
23 all the items coupled on the General Order Calendar.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
25 please.

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2 SPEAKER QUINN: And if we could try to  
3 quiet the Chambers for the roll call on the General  
4 Order Calendar, we'd appreciate it.

5 COUNCIL CLERK: Addabbo.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ADDABBO: Aye.

7 COUNCIL CLERK: Arroyo.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Nelson.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER NELSON: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Avella.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: (Not using  
13 microphone.) I vote aye on all items, except Land  
14 Use No. 434, 435, 436 and 445, I vote no.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Baez.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Barron.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: May I be  
19 excused to explain my vote, Madam Chair?

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: So ordered,  
21 yes.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I want to vote  
23 no on 556-A, the street-naming bill. I think it was  
24 a violation of the process to take Sonny Carson's  
25 name out of it, and even though I do have some

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2 street name changes of my own in that bill, I'm

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3 certain the Council is going to pass it but I am  
4 going to protest vote of no to that, because Sonny  
5 Carson's name should have been included in this  
6 package, in this omnibus bill, and it violated an  
7 entire community. So, I vote no on that and aye on  
8 all other items.

9 COUNCIL CLERK: Brewer.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye. Yes.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL CLERK: DeBlasio.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER DEBLASIO: Yes.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Dickens.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Dilan.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I abstain on

21 556-A and yes on the others.

22 COUNCIL CLERK: Felder.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Aye.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Fidler.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I vote aye on

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2 all, with the exception of Intro. 555, which I  
3 abstain for cause for the reasons that I laid out at  
4 the Finance Committee earlier today.

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COUNCIL CLERK: Foster.  
6 COUNCIL MEMBER FOSTER: I vote aye on  
7 all, except Intro. 556-A, the street renaming. When  
8 we took out Sonny Carson, we failed to do it  
9 correctly, so I vote no.  
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Gallagher.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER GALLAGHER: Aye on all  
12 COUNCIL CLERK: Garodnick.  
13 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.  
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Gennaro.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.  
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Gentile.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye on all.  
18 COUNCIL CLERK: Gioia.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes.  
20 COUNCIL CLERK: Gonzalez.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on all.  
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Ignizio.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on Land  
24 Use 452 and companion Resolution 889. Aye on all  
25 others.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Jackson.  
3 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.  
4 COUNCIL CLERK: James.  
5 COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES: Aye on all.  
6 COUNCIL CLERK: Katz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Aye on all.  
8 COUNCIL CLERK: Koppell.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.  
10 COUNCIL CLERK: Lappin.  
11 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I vote aye on  
12 all, with the exception of proposed Intro. 556-A, on  
13 which I abstain.  
14 COUNCIL CLERK: Liu.  
15 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.  
16 COUNCIL CLERK: Mark-Viverito.  
17 COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: Aye.  
18 COUNCIL CLERK: Martinez.  
19 COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Aye on all.  
20 COUNCIL CLERK: McMahon.  
21 COUNCIL MEMBER McMAHON: Aye on all.  
22 COUNCIL CLERK: Mealy.  
23 COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: Aye on all, and  
24 no on Intro. 556-A.  
25 COUNCIL CLERK: Mendez.

1 STATED COUNCIL MEETING  
2 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.  
3 COUNCIL CLERK: Monserrate.  
4 COUNCIL MEMBER MONSERRATE: Aye on  
5 all, with the exception of 556-A, which I abstain  
6 from.  
7 COUNCIL CLERK: Recchia.  
8 COUNCIL MEMBER RECHIA: Aye.

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9 COUNCIL CLERK: Reyna.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

11 COUNCIL CLERK: Sanders.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye.

13 COUNCIL CLERK: Sears.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

15 COUNCIL CLERK: Stewart.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER STEWART: Aye on all.

17 COUNCIL CLERK: Vacca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

19 COUNCIL CLERK: Vallone.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

21 COUNCIL CLERK: Vann.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: I vote aye on

23 all, except on principle I vote no on Intro. 556-A.

24 COUNCIL CLERK: Weprin.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

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2 COUNCIL CLERK: Yassky.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER YASSKY: Aye on all.

4 COUNCIL CLERK: Comrie.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

6 COUNCIL CLERK: Oddo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

8 COUNCIL CLERK: Rivera.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

10 COUNCIL CLERK: Speaker Quinn.

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12 SPEAKER QUINN: Aye on all.  
13 COUNCIL CLERK: Eugene.  
14 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I abstain on  
15 556-A.  
16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: All items on  
17 today's General Order Calendar were adopted by a  
18 vote of 47 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,  
19 zero abstentions. With the exception of Intro. 555,  
20 which is adopted by a vote of 46 in the affirmative,  
21 zero negative, one abstention, and Intro. 556, which  
22 was adopted by a vote of 40 in the affirmative, four  
23 negative, three abstentions. And LU 434, 435, 436  
24 and 445 and companion Resos, which were adopted by a  
25 vote of 46 in affirmative, one negative and zero  
abstentions.

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2 Introduction and Reading of Bills.  
3 SPEAKER QUINN: All bills are referred  
4 to the committees as indicated.  
5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Any General  
6 Discussion?  
7 Council Member Fidler.  
8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quiet, please.  
9 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: How  
10 anti-climatic.  
11 I just wanted to call my colleagues'  
12 attention to a resolution that I have introduced

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13 today that asks the City of New York in all future  
14 RFPs for youth workers that a COLA be included in  
15 those RFPs.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: I guess as  
18 Chairman of the Youth Services Committee, I am  
19 keenly aware of the incredible work that is done by  
20 people who work in our youth programs frequently  
21 underpaid --

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
23 please.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Quiet, please.  
25 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: And I just, I

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2 think it's only fair that as time marches on and  
3 inflation marches on, that those youth workers be  
4 paid a proper living wage that includes a cost of  
5 living increase when the programs go on.

6 And the second comment that I'd like  
7 to make, you know, as we get --

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
9 please.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: -- Back to the  
11 business of the City of New York, and the budget  
12 that we're dealing with again, I want to remind  
13 everyone here again that tonight approximately 3,000  
14 children will be sleeping on the streets of the City

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15 of New York today, regardless of what the street is  
16 named, without a shelter bed, without a transitional  
17 living bed. That is a shame, and it is something  
18 that we need to deal with in this budget.

19 Thank you.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council  
21 Member Weprin.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you,  
23 Madam Public Advocate. I rise to ask my colleagues  
24 to support Resolution 870, which is part of my  
25 Ten-Point Auxiliary Officers Assistance Plan bill to

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2 be introduced. This resolution calls upon the State  
3 Legislature to amend certain sections of the New  
4 York State Penal Law in order to make it a felony  
5 offense to assault an auxiliary police officer, as  
6 it is to assault a regular police officer.

7 I also had a press conference earlier  
8 today with over 20 community-based organizations of  
9 support --

10 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: -- Of a \$3  
12 million budget initiative for autism. That  
13 initiative will provide 1.5 million for an awareness  
14 campaign, and 1.5 million for programmatic money.

15 The program is to be distributed in  
16 all 51 Council districts, 30,000 for awareness,

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17 30,000 for programmatic money. One in 150 children  
18 are born with autism. One in 150. That number has  
19 gone up dramatically in the City of New York. And  
20 Commissioner Frieden, when he testified during the  
21 budget hearings said --

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
23 please.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: -- That autism  
25 has become a major problem in New York City. We need

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2 more initiatives. He thinks it's a good idea to put  
3 more money into autism research. I'm wearing a  
4 puzzle piece, if you notice, and a number of other  
5 people are wearing a puzzle piece. The reason we're  
6 wearing a puzzle piece is that is the symbol for  
7 autism. Autism is a puzzle, and hopefully, with this  
8 initiative we could help solve a little bit of that  
9 puzzle, because we don't know what causes autism or  
10 how to deal with it.

11 Thank you.

12 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Brewer.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you. I  
14 just rise to introduce some interns who are working  
15 with us this summer. I would like to introduce David  
16 Knockman from Dartmouth, Domenick Colajoichek from  
17 Dartmouth, George Lee from Queens College, Kirstin  
18 Shie from Barnard, and Laura Lightbody from New York

19 University. Thank you for all your assistance.  
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20 (Applause.)

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Council

22 Member Gentile.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I'll just  
24 bring my colleagues' attention to Intro. 579. It's  
25 another piece of Legislation --

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Quiet,  
3 please.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: -- That again  
5 helps to protect homeowners from the burdens imposed  
6 by unsolicited flyers littered on one's property.

7 Homeowners, we all know, bear the  
8 brunt of unsolicited materials and they also are  
9 subjected to the fines and penalties. Under this  
10 bill, Sanitation Enforcement Agents would be  
11 prohibited from writing a summons on the basis of  
12 unsolicited materials, such as circulars, menus,  
13 handbills and other papers that litter our homes and  
14 properties.

15 This bill, added to the others I've  
16 introduced on Sanitation summonses, and other  
17 colleagues have introduced, like Councilman Felder,  
18 have come under the banner of making New Yorkers  
19 partners and not targets in relation to enforcement.  
20 So, I would ask my colleagues to look at Intro. 579.

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21 Thank you.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE GOTBAUM: Seeing  
23 nobody else, the Council Meeting of May 30th is  
24 closed.

25 (Hearing concluded at 3:53 p.m.)

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9 I, CINDY MILLELOT, a Certified  
10 Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the  
11 foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the  
12 within proceeding.

13 I further certify that I am not  
14 related to any of the parties to this action by  
15 blood or marriage, and that I am in no way  
16 interested in the outcome of this matter.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
18 set my hand this 30th day of May 2007.

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10 Reporter and a Notary Public in and for the State of  
11 New York, do hereby certify the aforesaid to be a  
12 true and accurate copy of the transcription of the  
13 audio tapes of this hearing.

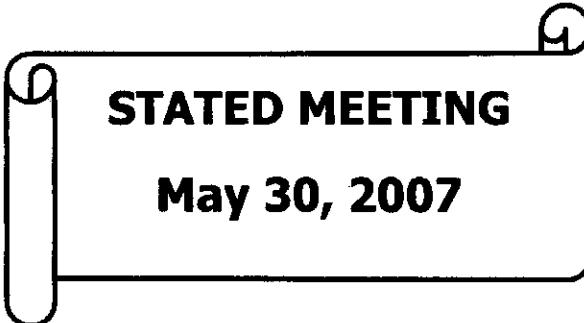
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# THE COUNCIL THE CITY OF NEW YORK AGENDA



- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. INVOCATION**  
Delivered by: **Rev. Raymond Nobiletti, M. M.**, Church of the Transfiguration, 29 Mott Street, New York, NY.  
Motion to spread the invocation in full upon the record by **Council Member Gerson**
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**  
Motion that the Minutes of the Stated Meetings of **April 12, 2007 and April 23, 2007** be adopted as printed by **Council Member Garodnick**
- 4. MESSAGES & PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR**  
**M 633**  
Communication from the Mayor - Mayors veto and disapproval message of **Introductory Number 83-A**, in relation to the protection of public employee whistleblowers.  
**Education**  
**M 634**  
Communication from the Mayor - "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a credit for certain household and dependent care services against New York city personal income taxes."  
**A.7834 / S.5803**  
**State and Federal Legislation**
- 5. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY, COUNTY & BOROUGH OFFICES**  
**M 635**  
Communication from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Submitting report on child care activity, for the time period of January through March 2007, pursuant to Section 17-920 of the administrative code.

**Received, Ordered, Printed and Filed**

**M 636**

Communication from the Department of Finance - Submitting, Third Party Transfer Program Brooklyn, In Rem Action No. 50, Community Districts No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 13, 16, Council Districts No. 35, 36, 37, 41, 42, 48.

**Housing and Buildings**

**M 637**

Communication from the Department of Finance - Submitting, Third Party Transfer Program Brooklyn, In Rem Action No. 50, Community Districts No. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16, Council Districts No. 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 48.

**Housing and Buildings**

**6. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**7. LAND USE CALL-UPS**

None

**8. COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER**

**9. DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ORDERS**

**10. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

**11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Report of the Committee on Finance**

**Int 555**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of the Court-Livingston-Schemerhorn business improvement district.

**Coupled on GO**

**Preconsidered Res 862**

Resolution concerning the establishment of the Sunnyside Business Improvement District in the Borough of Queens and setting the date, time and place for the public hearing to hear all persons interested in the establishment of such district.

**Coupled on GO**

**Preconsidered L.U. 456 & Res 871**

500 West 42nd Street, 502-506 West 42nd Street, Manhattan, Community District No. 4, Council District No. 3.

**Coupled on GO**

**Preconsidered L.U. 457 & Res 872**

The Plaza (Noble Drew Ali Plaza), 37 New Lots Avenue, 230-232, 240-242, 250-252 Lott Avenue, 11-21, 23-25, New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, Community District No. 16, Council District No. 42.

**Coupled on GO**

**Preconsidered L.U. 458 & Res 873**

Section 202 Supportive Housing Program for the Elderly, Antlers Apartments, 2079 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Manhattan, Community District No. 10, Council District No. 9

**Coupled on GO**

**Report of the Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services  
Int 496-A**

An Amended Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to mandating that the commissioner of the fire department promulgate rules requiring certain building owners to file a list with the fire department indicating the number of each floor of the building.

**Amended and Coupled on GO**

**Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings  
Int 561-A**

An Amended Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an alternative enforcement program by the department of housing preservation and development for violations of the housing maintenance code and multiple dwelling law.

**Amended and Coupled on GO**

**Report of the Committee on Land Use  
L.U. 375 & Res 874**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070258 HAM**, an Urban Development Action Area Designation and Project, located at 2735 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, and the disposition of such property, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 7. This matter is subject to Council Review and action pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter and Article 16 of the General Municipal Law.

**Coupled to be Filed Pursuant to Letter of Withdrawal**

**L.U. 376 & Res 875**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070259 HAM**, an Urban Development Action Area Designation and Project, located at 2110, 2112, 2114, 2116 and 2118 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, and the disposition of the city-owned property, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 9. This matter is subject to Council Review and action pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter and Article 16 of the General Municipal Law.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 386 & Res 876**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070256 HAX**, an Urban Development Action Area Designation, Project, and the disposition of such property located at 1434-8 Morris Avenue, Borough of the Bronx, Council District no. 16.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 397 & Res 877**

Application no. **20075265 HAK**, an Urban Development Action Area Project known as Lincoln Avenue, located in Community Board 5, Council District no. 42, Borough of Brooklyn. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant to Article 16 of the New York General Municipal Law, at the request of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and pursuant to Section 696 of the General Municipal Law for an exemption from real property taxes.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 405 & Res 878**

Application no. **20075313 HAQ**, an Urban Development Action Area Project known as Edgemere Phase B2, located in Community Board 14, Council District no. 31, Borough of Queens. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant to Article 16 of the New York General Municipal Law, at the request of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and pursuant to Section 696 of the General Municipal Law for an exemption from real property taxes.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 420 & Res 879**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070283 HUM** pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the Charter of the City of New York and §505 of the General Municipal Law concerning the approval of an amendment to the Central Harlem East Urban Renewal Plan, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 9.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 421 & Res 880**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070284 HAM**, an Urban Development Action Area Designation, Project, and the disposition of such property located at 27, 25, 23 and 21 West 128th Street, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 9.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 423 & Res 881**

Application no. **20075333 HAX**, an Urban Development Action Area Project located at 1091 Prospect Avenue, Council District no. 17, Borough of the Bronx.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 431 & Res 882**

Application no. **20075299 HKQ** (N 070369 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.386, LP-2172) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Sohmer & Co Piano Factory Building, Council District no. 22.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 434**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070133 PPM**, pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter concerning the disposition of one city-owned property, located at 120 East 125th Street, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 8.

**Approved with Modifications and Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of the Council and Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.**

**L.U. 435**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070134 PPK**, pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter concerning the disposition of one city-owned property, located at 299 DeGraw Street, Borough of Brooklyn, Council District no. 39.

**Approved with Modifications and Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of the Council and Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.**

**L.U. 436**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070136 PPQ**, pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter concerning the disposition of one city-owned property, located at 58-03 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Borough of Queens, Council District no. 31.

**Approved with Modifications and Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of the Council and Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.**

**L.U. 440 & Res 883**

Application no. **20075381 HAK**, an Urban Development Action Area Project known as Armstrong/Jackson ENY2A, located in Community Board 5, Council District no. 42, Borough of Brooklyn.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 445**

Uniform land use review procedure application no. **C 070135 PPK**, pursuant to §197-c and §197-d of the New York City Charter concerning the disposition of one city-owned property, located at 136 Wythe Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, Council District no. 33.

**Approved with Modifications and Referred to the City Planning Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70(b) of the Rules of the Council and Section 197-(d) of the New York City Charter.**

**L.U. 446 & Res 884**

Application no. **20075471 HAX**, an Urban Development Action Area Project located at 400 East 161st Street, Council District no. 17, Borough of the Bronx. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant to Article 16 of the New York General Municipal Law, at the request of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law for an exemption from real property taxes.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 447 & Res 885**

Application no. **20075472 HAK**, an Urban Development Action Area Project known as Ocean Hill Brownsville Cluster 6, located in Community Board 16, Council District no. 41, Borough of Brooklyn.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 448 & Res 886**

Application no. **20075473 HAK**, an Urban Development Action Area Project located at 323 Atkins Avenue, Council District no. 42, Borough of Brooklyn.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 450 & Res 887**

Application no. **20075319 HKM** (N 070388 HKM), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.387, LP-2210) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of 354 West 11th Street House, Council District no. 3.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 451 & Res 888**

Application no. **20075320 HKM** (N 070389 HKM), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.387, LP-2211) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of 159 Charles Street House, Council District no. 3.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 452 & Res 889**

Application no. **20075321 HKM** (N 070390 HKM), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.387, LP-2212) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Keller Hotel located at 150 Barrow Street (a.k.a. 384-385 West Street), Council District no. 3.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 454 & Res 890**

Application no. **20075274 TCM**, pursuant to §20-226 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, concerning the petition of 22 East 54th Street Corp., to establish, maintain and operate an unenclosed sidewalk café located at 22 East 54th Street, Borough of Manhattan, Council District no. 3. This application is subject to review and action by the Land Use Committee only if called-up by vote of the Council pursuant to Rule 11.20b of the Council and §20-226(g) of the New York City Administrative Code.

**Coupled on GO**

**Preconsidered L.U. 459 & Res 891**

Application no. **20075210 SCQ**, a proposed site for a 650 seat primary/intermediate facility located at 65th Drive, Juniper Valley Road, 69th Place and 70th Street in Council District no. 30, Borough of Queens. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant Section 1732 of the New York State Public Authorities Law.

**Coupled on GO**

**12.**

**GENERAL ORDER CALENDAR**

**Int 556-A**

An Amended Local Law in relation to the naming of 51 thoroughfares and public places, Alvin Ailey Place, Borough of Manhattan, Angela Padavano Way, Borough of Staten Island, Bro. George Washington Way "Legendary Boxing Trainer", Borough of Brooklyn, Patrick Sullivan 9-11 Memorial Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Officer Timothy M. Hurley Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Edgar Garzon Corner, Borough of Queens, O' Donnell Way, Borough of Manhattan, Ruth Poindexter Plaza, Borough of the Bronx, Robert A. Breen Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lance Cpl. Michael V. Postal Triangle, Borough of Queens, Bishop Roy L. Gilmore, Sr. Way, Borough of Queens, Daniela R. Notaro Way, Borough of Staten Island, Lt. James D. Hicks Way, Borough of Staten Island, Robert Merrill Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Granville T. Woods Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Grace Nichilo Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Harry Schwartz Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Bobby Draxdorf Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Bernice Singletary Square, Borough of Manhattan, Boimah Cooper Drive, Borough of Staten Island, NYS Senator Mark W. Allen Way, Borough of Staten Island, East 143<sup>rd</sup> Street, Borough of the Bronx, Casita Maria Way, Borough of the Bronx, Hugh White Jr. Way, Borough of Staten Island, Eileen Sweeney Place, Borough of Manhattan, Joe Imp's Place, Borough of Queens, Joseph M. Rota Place, Borough of Queens, Charlie Santiago Drive, Borough of Brooklyn, Tajmere

Clark Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Bernie Wohl Way, Borough of Manhattan, Donald Engeldrum Way, Borough of the Bronx, Rev. Howard Weaving Way, Borough of the Bronx, Bishop Willie B. McNeil Corner, Borough of Brooklyn, FF Michael C. Reilly Way, Borough of the Bronx, Lieutenant Howard Carpluk Place, Borough of the Bronx, Captain John J. McKenna IV Lane, Borough of Brooklyn, Charles A. Pringle Jr., Esq. Way, Borough of Queens, Freddie Dill, Sr. Avenue, Borough of Queens, Thomas Guidice Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Father Donald J. Kenna Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Betty "Moe" Trezza Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Crossing Guard Joan Rice Way, Borough of Staten Island, The Honorable Nicholas Coffinas Way, Borough of Brooklyn, P.O. William Rivera Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Gargiulo's Way, Borough of Brooklyn, Edwin G. Suarez Way, Borough of Manhattan, The Honorable Percy E. Sutton Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, Abrian Gonzalez Place, Borough of Brooklyn, Red Hook Lane: Heritage Trail, Borough of Brooklyn, Marlene Rivera Walk NYPD Police Officer, Borough of Brooklyn, Jerry Orbach Way, Borough of Manhattan and the repeal of section 1 of local law number 41 for the year 1993 and section 34 of local law number 34 for the year 2003.

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 434 & Res 892**

ULURP Application no. **C 070133 PPM** with modification, a disposition of City-owned property, Community Board 11, Manhattan

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 435 & Res 893**

ULURP Application no. **C 070134 PPK** with modifications, a disposition of City-owned property, Community Board 6, Brooklyn

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 436 & Res 894**

ULURP Application no. **C 070136 PPQ** with modification, a disposition of City-owned property, Community Board 14, Queens

**Coupled on GO**

**L.U. 445 & Res 895**

ULURP Application no. **C 070135 PPK** with modification, a disposition of City-owned property, Community Board 1, Brooklyn

**Coupled on GO**

Commissioner of Deeds

**Coupled on GO**

**COUPLED ON GENERAL ORDER CALENDAR**

**Finance**

**Int 555** - Establishment of the Court-Livingston-Schemerhorn business improvement district.

**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**Filed**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

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**GO**

Commissioner of Deeds

**GO**

**Roll Call**

**13. INTRODUCTION & READING OF BILLS**  
See Attached

**14. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**15. RESOLUTIONS**  
None

**16. GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**17. EXTENSION OF REMARKS**

## **INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS**

### **Res 854**

By Council Member Addabbo:

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to support Assembly Bill A.01022, known as the state financial incentive protection act, a bill that would amend the New York state urban development corporation act by creating state agency reporting requirements and providing penalties for businesses and corporations receiving state economic development benefits that leave the state or outsource jobs from the state.

### **Economic Development**

### **SLR 55**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Golden, **S.4897**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.4378**, "AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to coverage for additional members of the New York city employees' retirement system".

### **State and Federal Legislation**

### **SLR 56**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.5382**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.4465**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to health insurance coverage for surviving spouses of members of the fire department engaged in performing emergency medical services in the city of New York who are enrolled in a health insurance plan".

### **State and Federal Legislation**

### **SLR 57**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.3412**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.6167**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to allowing members of the police pension fund to obtain retirement credit for certain periods of New York police department cadet corps service".

### **State and Federal Legislation**

### **SLR 58**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.3600-A**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.6536-A**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to terminal leave".

### **State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 59**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.3258**, and Assembly Member Cymbrowitz, **A.6237**, "AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to certain impairments of health presumed incurred in the performance of duty".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 60**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Padavan, **S.3994**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.6542**, "AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to the employment of retired New York city police personnel".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 61**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.2799**, and Assembly Member Seminerio, **A.4977**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the correction officers' variable supplements fund".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 62**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Padavan, **S.2486**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.4704**, "AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to accidental disability for certain members of the New York city employees' retirement system or the New York city board of education retirement system".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 63**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Golden, **S.783**, and Assembly Member Farrell, **A.1394**, "AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to the minimum annual salary of the county clerks of certain counties".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 64**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.4410**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.7384**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the crediting of prior service by the police pension fund of such city".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 65**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Maltese, **S.5350**, and Assembly Member Abbate, **A.4463**, "AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of a twenty year retirement program for members of the New York city employees' retirement system employed as fire alarm dispatchers; and to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to the establishment of twenty year retirement programs for such members who are subject to articles 11 and 15 of such law".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 66**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Lanza, **S.4921**, and Assembly Member Cusick, **A.8027**, "AN ACT to authorize the city of New York to discontinue certain land as park land".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**SLR 67**

By Council Member Baez:

State Legislation Resolution requesting the New York State Legislature to pass bills introduced by Senator Padavan, **S.5945**, and Assembly Member Farrell, **A.8689**, "AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the determination of adjusted base proportions in special assessing units which are cities for the fiscal year 2008".

**State and Federal Legislation**

**Res 855**

By Council Member Barron:

Resolution calling upon the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Education to mandate that courses in Africa and African-American history be taught in all high schools and that all students must complete such courses to graduate.

**Education**

**Int 577**

By Council Member Comrie:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to billiard and pocket billiard rooms.

**Consumer Affairs**

**Res 856**

By Council Member Comrie:

Resolution recognizing the contributions of Caribbean Americans and people of Caribbean descent to the City of New York and designating the month of June as "Caribbean Heritage Month".

**Cultural Affairs, Libraries & International  
Intergroup Relations**

**Int 578**

By Council Member Dilan (by request of the Mayor):

A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to enacting the New York city construction codes and repealing chapter 1 of title 26 of the administrative code, sections 27-106, 27-124, 27-125, 27-126, 27-127, 27-128, 27-129, 27-130, 27-131, 27-132, 27-133, 27-134, 27-135, 27-136 and 27-137 of the administrative code, articles 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 27 of subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code, subchapter 19 of chapter 1 of title 27 of the administrative code and chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of title 28 of the administrative code.

**Housing and Buildings**

**Res 857**

By Council Member Fidler:

Resolution calling upon the Department of Youth and Community Development to ensure that funding provided to youth programs pursuant to all Request for Proposals is at a level that ensures that youth workers receive a cost of living adjustment and are adequately compensated for the services they provide the City of New York.

**Youth Services**

**Res 858**

By Council Member Foster:

Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to repeal the 1998 amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 that bar students with previous drug convictions from receiving federal aid for college.

**Higer Education**

**Res 859**

By Council Member Foster:

Resolution calling upon the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York to prominently display the Housing Court Bill of Rights and to make copies available to the litigants in the 160,000 new eviction cases calendared annually.

**Housing and Buildings**

**Res 860**

By Council Member Foster:

Resolution commemorating the 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday of Malcolm X on May 19, 2007.

**Cultural Affairs, Libraries & International  
Intergroup Relations**

**Res 861**

By Council Member Gennaro:

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly bill 04699 and Senate bill 2487, which would amend the Mental Hygiene Law in relation to applications for substance abuse facilities in New York City.

**Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism,  
Drug Abuse & Disability Services**

**Int 579**

By Council Member Gentile:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to civil penalties for violations of the littering law.

**Sanitation and Solid Waste Management**

**Int 580**

By Council Member Gerson:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to publishing a guide instructing businesses of the rules and regulations governing operation of certain businesses.

**Small Business**

**Preconsidered Res 862**

By Council Member Gioia (by request of the Mayor):

Resolution concerning the establishment of the Sunnyside Business Improvement District in the Borough of Queens and setting the date, time and place for the public hearing to hear all persons interested in the establishment of such district.

**Finance**

**Res 863**

By Council Member Gonzalez:

Resolution calling on the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate to pass the Safe Harbor for Exploited Children Act, which would create a continuum of services to address the needs of New York's sexually exploited children.

**Juvenile Justice**

**Res 864**

By Council Member James:

Resolution calling upon the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to rescind the regulation requiring applicants for and recipients of subsidized child care to actively pursue child support from the non-custodial parent.

**General Welfare**

**Res 865**

By Council Member James:

Resolution calling upon the New York City Police Department to initiate a study evaluating the quality of the police services provided by the Housing Bureau to public housing residents.

**Public Safety**

**Int 581**

By Council Members Liu, Addabbo, Gallagher, Jackson, James, Lappin, Mealy, Palma, Reyna and Seabrook:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the replacement of priority regulatory signs.

**Transportation**

**Int 582**

By Council Member McMahon:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to interfering with employees of the department of sanitation.

**Sanitation and Solid Waste Management**

**Int 583**

By Council Member McMahon:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the frequency of Staten Island ferry service.

**Transportation**

**Res 866**

By Council Member Monserrate:

Resolution denouncing the exorbitant increases in fees for immigration and naturalization benefit applications and petitions proposed by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

**Immigration**

**Int 584**

By Council Member Nelson:

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to civil penalties for violations of the littering law.

**Sanitation and Solid Waste Management**

**Res 867**

By Council Member Nelson:

Resolution calling upon the United States Congress to support the appropriation of \$5 million in the National Park Services FY 08 Construction Budget for the remediation of hazardous materials at Governors Island National Monument.

**Parks and Recreation**

**Res 868**

By Council Member Nelson:

Resolution calling upon the State of New York to set forth specific provisions for the timely construction of cellular phone towers along Interstate Highway 87 in order to eliminate any areas where cell phone service is not available.

**State and Federal Legislation**

**Res 869**

By Council Members Stewart and Addabbo:

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill 6119 and Senate Bill 1551, collectively known as the "Safe Staffing for Quality Care Act," to ensure adequate nursing care at acute care facilities.

**Health**

**Int 585**

By Council Member Weprin (by request of the Mayor):

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the establishment of the Sunnyside business improvement district.

**Finance**

**Res 870**

By Council Member Weprin:

Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to amend the New York State Penal Law, so that assault on Auxiliary Police officers is classified as a felony.

**Public Safety**

**Preconsidered L.U. 456**

By Council Member Weprin:

500 West 42nd Street, 502-506 West 42nd Street, Manhattan, Community District No. 4, Council District No. 3.

**Finance**

**Preconsidered L.U. 457**

By Council Member Weprin:

The Plaza (Noble Drew Ali Plaza), 37 New Lots Avenue, 230-232, 240-242, 250-252 Lott Avenue, 11-21, 23-25, New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, Community District No. 16, Council District No. 42.

**Finance**

**Preconsidered L.U. 458**

By Council Member Weprin:

Section 202 Supportive Housing Program for the Elderly, Antlers Apartments, 2079 Frederick Douglass Boulevard, Manhattan, Community District No. 10, Council District No. 9

**Finance**

**Preconsidered L.U. 459**

By Council Member Katz:

Application no. **20075210 SCQ**, a proposed site for a 650 seat primary/intermediate facility located at 65th Drive, Juniper Valley Road, 69th Place and 70th Street in Council District no. 30, Borough of Queens. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant Section 1732 of the New York State Public Authorities Law.

**Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**

**L.U. 460**

By Council Member Katz:

Application no. **20075406 TCX**, pursuant to §20-226 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, concerning the petition of T.P. Restaurant d.b.a. Shrimp Box Restaurant, to establish, maintain and operate an unenclosed sidewalk café located at 64 City Island Avenue, Borough of the Bronx, Council District no. 13.

**Zoning and Franchises**

**L.U. 461**

By Council Member Katz:

Application no. **20075520 HAQ**, an Urban Development Action Area Project located at 37-60 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Council District no. 21, Borough of Queens. This matter is subject to Council review and action pursuant to Article 16 of the New York General Municipal Law, at the request of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

**Planning, Dispositions and Concessions**

# Exhibit O